

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 41-50, and 66-85 are pending in the application. The Applicants' attorney has amended claims 1, 6-9, 14, 41, 43-44, 48, 66-68, 71-76, 78-82, and 84-85 as proposed to the Examiner during a phone call on 16 July 2009 and in subsequent phone calls. During a phone call on 03 August 2009, the Examiner stated that the claims as amended herein are seemingly allowable over the prior art of record. The Examiner also stated that he will work with the Applicants' attorney to move this application toward either allowance or appeal as soon as possible.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14, 48, 66-67, 73-74, and 80-81 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all the claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

DATED this 5th day of August, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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